

1 CLAIMS

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3 1. In a document summarizing application executing on a processing
4 device, a computer-implemented method comprising:

5 constructing a sentence-based summary of a document's writings; and
6 inserting the sentence-based summary at a beginning of the document.
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8 2. A word processing application stored in a storage medium which
9 directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in
10 claim 1.
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12 3. An electronic mail application stored in a storage medium which
13 directs a computer to perform in the computer-implemented method as recited in
14 claim 1.
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16 4. An Internet web browser application stored in a storage medium
17 which directs a computer to perform in the computer-implemented method as
18 recited in claim 1.
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20 5. A computer programmed to perform the computer-implemented
21 method as recited in claim 1.
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23 6. A document file formed in memory as a result of the computer-
24 implemented method recited in claim 1.
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1 7. In a document summarizing application executing on a processing
2 device to construct a summary of a document, wherein the summary is in part
3 derived from counting how frequently words appear in the document, a computer-
4 implemented method comprising:

5 evaluating words in the document to identify ordered sets of words that
6 appear repeatedly in a same order;

7 ranking individual sentences in the document by treating the ordered sets of
8 words as if they were single words; and

9 generating the summary based at least in part on the sentence rankings.
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11 8. A word processing application stored in a storage medium which
12 directs a computer to perform operations of the computer-implemented method as
13 recited in claim 7.
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15 9. An electronic mail application stored in a storage medium which
16 directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in
17 claim 7.
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19 10. An Internet web browser application stored in a storage medium
20 which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited
21 in claim 7.
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23 11. A computer programmed to perform the computer-implemented
24 method as recited in claim 7.
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1 **12.** A document file formed in memory as a result of the computer-
2 implemented method recited in claim 7.

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4 **13.** In a document summarizing application executing on a processing
5 device, a computer-implemented method comprising:

6 constructing a textual content-based summary of a document's writings; and
7 inserting the textual content-based summary at a beginning of the document
8 and on a common page with starting content of the document.

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10 **14.** A word processing application stored in a storage medium which
11 directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in
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14 **15.** An electronic mail application stored in a storage medium which
15 directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited in
16 claim 13.

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18 **16.** An Internet web browser application stored in a storage medium
19 which directs a computer to perform the computer-implemented method as recited
20 in claim 13.

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22 **17.** A computer programmed to perform the computer-implemented
23 method as recited in claim 13.

1 **18.** A document file formed in memory as a result of the computer-
2 implemented method recited in claim 13.
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